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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a continuation application of international application No. PCT/DE02/01226 filed April 4, 2002 of:

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entitled: **CUTTING DEVICE FOR CUTTING BONE TISSUE**

Enclosed are:

1. Application Data Sheet.

2. Specification, including 7 claims (9 pages).

3. 1 Sheet of Formal Drawings showing Fig. 1.

4. Information Disclosure Statement including Form PTO-1449, copy of Search Report and references (8).

5. Applicant hereby claims **Small Entity Status**.

6. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 101 19 328.9, filed in Fed. Rep. of Germany on April 19, 2001.

7. Benefit is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120 of international application No. PCT/DE02/01226 filed April 4, 2002.

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